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Norm Stamper Chief of Police City of Seattle Public Safety Building Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Chief Stamper:

I just wanted you to know that I am appalled at the stance city government, the citizens of Seattle, and members of your own department have taken against you over the strategies and tactics (or lack of) employed last week during the WTO conference.

I thought that the conduct of you and a majority of the members of all the law enforcement agencies who participated in the attempt to keep order while respecting the rights of the protestors was exemplary and should be complimented. For your own men to complain is disgusting; for you to resign is a loss to the city.

You were confronted with a "no-win" situation, and the fact that there wasn't more property damage and/or more injuries to the protestors and/or citizens is a testament to your fine leadership.

Anyone with any sense can see that the Mayor and City Council need a scapegoat; I'm really sorry it has to be you, but you know as well as I that it's just the nature of politics.

I wish you luck in whatever and wherever you go from here. Personally, if I were you, I would tell them all to go to hell, and sit back in my easy chair and chuckle the next time a business community sees only greed and ends up with a situation in their city like Seattle did, and be thankful you're not the one making the decisions.

Very truly yours

Darlene Cox

cc: Mayor Paul Schell
Members of City Council